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SUBJECT: ROC TO OPEN TRADE OFFICES IN ECUADOR

1. LOCAL PRESS HAS GIVEN CONSIDERABLE PUBLICITY TO A REPORTED AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE ROC AND ECUADOR PERMITTING THE ROC TO ESTABLISH A COMMERCIAL OFFICE IN QUITO AND A BRANCH OFFICE IN GUAYAQUIL. BOTH OFFICES WILL REPORTEDLY BE CALLED THE "REPUBLIC OF CHINA TRADE OFFICE."

2. DESCRIBING THIS AGREEMENT AS A "MAJOR DIPLOMATIC BREAKTHROUGH" FOR THE ROC, VICE FOREIGN MINISTER YANG HSI-KUN, WHO HAS JUST RETURNED FROM A VISIT TO ECUADOR, TOLD REPORTERS THAT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE TRADE OFFICE COULD BE THE FIRST STEP TOWARD THE RESUMPTION OF FULL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE ROC AND ECUADOR. HE ALSO STRESSED THAT THE NAME OF THE NEW OFFICE WAS SIGNIFICANT, BEING "THE FIRST TIME THAT THE OFFICIAL NAME OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THIS COUNTRY IS BEING USED IN A COUNTRY THAT HAS NO DIPLOMATIC TIES WITH US."

3. YANG ALSO SAID THAT THE TRADE OFFICE WOULD BE AUTHORIZED TO HANDLE CONSULAR AFFAIRS AND ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION. FOUR OR FIVE OFFICIALS, HE SAID, WOULD BE SENT TO ECUADOR AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO OPEN THE NEW OFFICE.

4. COMMENT: AT PRESENT, ROC REPRESENTATION IN ECUADOR
IS LIMITED TO A CONSULAR AGENT "OF TAIWAN" IN GUAYA-
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